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Mr. David Waddell **Executive Secretary** Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37243-0505

RE:

Docket No. 99-00587

Tariff to Grandfather Sprint Unlimited and Introduce Sprint

Prepaid Retail Calling Card Option D

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Attached are the original and thirteen copies of Sprint Communications L.P.'s responses to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority's data request dated August 27, 1999.

If you have questions regarding this information, please contact Kaye Odum at 919-554-5277.

Sincerely,

C. Steve Parrott

C: Laura Sykora Kaye Odum Dennis Wagner Lenora Berg



## SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS L.P. DOCKET NO. 99-00587 TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY DATA REQUEST DATED AUGUST 27, 1999

Question 1. Please explain whether the propsed grandfathering of the Sprint Unlimited Optional Calling Plan complies with all of the provisions set forth by the TRA in its order dated October 22, 1998, in Docket No. 97-01387 (tariff filing by UTSE to obsolete Opportunity 800 service)?

Response 1. The proposed grandfathering in the current tariff complies with the provisions in Docket No. 97-01387 (UTSE tariff to Obsolete Opportunity 800 service) in that:

- a. There is no discrimination between existing and new customers because competitive alternatives exist for these customers. An example of a competitive product is Sprint 1000. Sprint 1000 is in essence the same service as Sprint Unlimited Optional Calling Plan with a cap at 1000 minutes. However, there is no impact by the cap on typical usage for this category of customer.
- b. The end of the grandfathering period is proposed in three years.
- c. If, at the end of the grandfathering period, customers would be affected by an increase, notification will be made in accordance with TRA Rule 1220-4-2-.55(e)(2).